The National Policy on Education, 1986 recommends the use of grades in place of marks.

Declining interests in Hindi and Sanskrit courses

†372. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the losing interest of students for admission to Hindi and Sanskrit courses in all the Universities of the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to bring about changes in education system; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA: (a) to (d) No data regarding the students applying for admission in various courses in various universities of the country is centrally maintained. Universities are autonomous bodies and run various programmes as per the demand. As informed by UGC, several universities in the country are offering courses in Hindi and Sanskrit also.

KV Classes under Tin Sheds in Delhi

373. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that classes I to VIII standard in Kendriya Vidyalaya, B.S.F. Chhawala Camp, New Delhi are held under the tin shed where there is no provision of any fan, water, toilet, etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to construct the building and to provide fans etc. therein; and

(d) by when fans would be provided in all the classes?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The responsibility of providing suitable accommodation and other infrastructure facilities is of sponsoring authority as per the terms and conditions agreed to at the time of opening of Vidyalaya till KVS construct its own permanent school building after transfer of suitable land by sponsoring authority.

(c) Land for construction of permanent school building has since been transferred recently and construction agencies have been requested to submit preliminary drawings and estimate etc. for the construction of permanent school building.

(d) For providing adequate amenities in the existing accommodation, sponsoring authority has been requested to do needful.

Demonstration for National Education Policy

†374. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the children deprived of education, had held a demonstration before the Parliament last April, demanding formulation of a National Education Policy and had hand over a memorandum to the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, what were the other demands made in that memorandum; and

(c) the decision taken by Government so far, on their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) According to the information available with the Ministry, no such memorandum has been submitted to the Prime Minister. However, a memorandum dated 8.5.2002, addressed to the Prime Minister by the PEACE TRUST, Tamil Nadu Unit, was received by the Prime Minister Office by post and was forwarded to this Department for appropriate action. This memorandum requests the Government to prepare a time bound National Education Plan covering all children.

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